

The Patch Project – Safeguarding Statement of Intent

REFERENCE:

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Policy and Procedures

We will ensure all policies and procedures in respect of safeguarding children are up to date and in line with [Keeping Children Safe in Education 2024](#). The policies are accessible to all staff through the [PatchProject](#). Policies and procedures are reviewed and revised by the Education Leadership Team on a regular basis.

Please read in conjunction with the Patch Project safeguarding policy, UK Safeguarding Policy.

THE PATCH PROJECT Responsibility for safeguarding

The Education Leader is the lead for Safeguarding Children and Adults at Risk and has oversight of the Education team which reports to the Board on all school safeguarding issues.

The Patch Project associates with the local Safeguarding Children Board of each Local Authority in which it operates. Any issues related to safeguarding children will be discussed at these boards as required.

Disclosure & Barring Checks

The Patch Project meets statutory requirements in relation to Disclosure & Barring Service – all staff and volunteers who work with The Patch Project who meet the 'regulated activity test' (Freedom of Information Act 2012) are required to undergo an enhanced DBS check prior to employment.

Designated Safeguarding Leads

The Patch Project have ultimate responsibility for Safeguarding issues. Operationally, this responsibility within the education provisions fall to the Provision Lead in each setting. As required in Keeping Children Safe the Provision Lead appoints a Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) who oversees the operational application of safeguarding and child protection with the setting. The DSL is clear about their role, have sufficient time and receive relevant support, and training, to undertake their roles, which includes close contact with outside agencies including social services, the Local Safeguarding Children's Board and relevant health care organisations.

National support is offered to each provision from the Education Leadership Team.

Training

All eligible staff and volunteers are required to undertake relevant safeguarding training. Within The Patch Project this training takes the form of:

- A mandated on-line training course for all staff each year.
- Inset training at the beginning of each academic year coordinated by the Education Leadership Team
- Regular safeguarding updates relating to the contextual issues faced by each provision coordinated by the on-site DSL.
- Mandatory specialised DSL training updated every 2 years

Audit

The Patch Project have robust audit checklists to ensure that safeguarding systems and processes are working. The audit includes: the monitoring of a provision's Single Central Record, the monitoring of Child Protection & Adults at Risk Policies and Procedures including, 'Allegations against Professionals and Low Level Concerns' and the monitoring of training for all employees and volunteers, guidance and support.

Patch Project safeguarding audit will be undertaken in October for reporting in January. When necessary, The Patch Project will share our audits with partner agencies including those relevant Local Authorities.

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